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SUBJECT: ROK AMBASSADOR HAHM'S CALL ON UNDER SECRETARY
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1. AMBASSADOR HAHM PYONG CHOON, ACCOMPANIED BY POLITICAL
COUNSELOR KIM TAE ZHEE, MADE COURTESY CALL APRIL 10 ON
T UNDER SECRETARY. GEORGE NEWMAN OF T ALSO PARTICIPATED.

2. AMBASSADOR HAHM ALLUDED TO NORTH-SOUTH RELATIONS AND
SAID NORTH KOREA WOULD EVENTUALLY ACCEPT ROK AS INDEPENDENT
COUNTRY BECAUSE THE ROK IS "TOO BIG TO SWALLOW" OR TO
DEFEAT. ALTHOUGH NK NOT NOW RECEIVING MUCH PRESSURE FROM
ITS NEIGHBORS, THE PRC OR USSR WOULD HAVE TO INTERVENE TO
SUPPORT NK IF AS RESULT OF MILITARY ACTION, THE ROK WERE
ABLE TO TURN A NK INVASION BACK PAST THE PEACE LINE.

3. HAHM SEIZED THE INITIATIVE TO RAISE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE
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FY 75 MAP REQUEST. HE NOTED THAT THE FY 74 MAP FOR KOREA

WAS ONLY HALF OF THE \$260 MILLION REQUESTED AND THEREFORE WAS CONCERNED THAT ONLY \$180 MILLION REQUESTED FOR KOREA FOR FY 75. UNDER SECRETARY ENUMERATED GENERAL PROBLEMS WE HAVING WITH FY 74 MAP BUT ONLY ONE HAHM FOCUSED ON WAS INCREASED REQUIREMENTS FOR CAMBODIA. AFTER RECEIVING CONFIRMATION THAT FY 74 MAP FOR KOREA, AS WELL AS OTHER MAP RECIPIENTS, WOULD BE AFFECTED, HAHM EMPHASIZED ROKG NEED TO KNOW IN ADVANCE ABOUT ANY MAP CUTBACK, AND ASKED IF ANY SHORTFALL COULD BE MADE UP. UNDER SECRETARY REPLIED THAT WE WOULD INFORM THE ROKG ASAP CONCERNING EXTENT OF CUTBACK, BUT NEWMAN SAID IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO MAKE CORRESPONDING INCREASE IN FY 75 MAP REQUEST. ANY CONSIDERATION FOR AN OFFSETTING INCREASE WOULD APPLY TO FY 76 AT EARLIEST. HAHM'S FINAL COMMENT WAS THAT LOWER MAP LEVEL IN FY 74 WOULD BE TOUGH FOR ROK, ESPECIALLY ON TOP OF CURRENT ECONOMIC SQUEEZE. KISSINGER

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